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Senator Birch Bayh
353 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bayh:

Enclosed is an article published in the August 11th issue of National Review. I call it to your attention because of its horrifying dimension. For thirty-four years Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish citizen, has been confined in various Soviet prisons for the crime of aiding Hungarian Jews during the Second World War. While the Soviets claim that this man died in 1947, many reports have filtered out of the U.S.S.R. contrary to this claim, the most recent in 1975. In January of this year the Swedish government sought information about this man. The Soviet reply was coldly indignant: "there is, and cannot be, anything new in the case of Raoul Wallenberg."

I do not send this article merely to add to what you already know-- that the Soviet government is cruel and deceitful. It is my purpose rather to elicit your help for this man. I ask you to begin a hue and cry on behalf of a decent man trapped in the Soviet gulag. Will you speak out on the Senate floor against this monstrous act; will you contact the State Department and urge it to use diplomatic channels for Wallenberg's safe return to Sweden; will you make all necessary inquiries and use all available offices for his eventual release?

Soviet behavior in this matter calls for more than moral indignation. Any effort you make will bring Wallenberg's case that much closer to a just conclusion. Please, help in any way that you can.

Sincerely,

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